

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 713

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Judge Timothy Ray Brock of Tullahoma.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Judge Timothy Ray Brock, an outstanding jurist who faithfully discharged his duties on the bench for twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brock was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Franklin County, Judge Timothy Brock received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1979 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brock was first elected as a general sessions judge in Coffee County in 1990 and added juvenile court jurisdiction to his duties eight years later; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the bench, Judge Timothy Brock was instrumental in the creation of a number of specially focused courts and presided over the county's Drug Recovery Court, Mental Health Court, Juvenile Recovery Court, Safe Baby Court, and Family Treatment Court, which is the first and only court of its kind in the State. He was one of Tennessee's first Safe Baby Court judges and a leader in the expansion of safe baby courts to eleven other counties across the State; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brock was a mentor to many judges and served in leadership roles for the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Tennessee Judicial Opioid Initiative, of which he served as co-chair; he was a

member of the executive committee of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for a number of years and frequently presented at conferences; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Judge Timothy Brock was honored to be the recipient of the McCain-Abernathy Award from the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in recognition of his exceptional service in advancing juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, Judge Brock was the proud father of Adam Brock, Matthew Brock, and Sarah Kathryn Bodak and the treasured grandfather of Talia Brock and Josephine Brock. He is lovingly remembered by his brother, Edward Brock; his sisters, Ruth Brock Gardner and Kathleen Brock Huntsberry; the mother of his children, Donna Bryant Brock; and his sweetheart partner, Mary Mealer; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy Ray and Virginia McKown Brock, and his nephew, Craig McKown Brock; and

WHEREAS, Judge Timothy Brock leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Judge Timothy Ray Brock, reflecting fondly upon his steadfast service to the people of Coffee County as a general sessions and juvenile court judge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Judge Brock.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.